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For

ELECTRONIC-MAIL REMINDER FOR AN INTERNET

TELEVISION PROGRAM GUIDE

Group Art Unit:

2787

Examiner

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/938,028, filed September 18, 1997, entitled INTERNET TELEVISION PROGRAM GUIDE SYSTEM.--.

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